

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte NABIL ENRIQUE SALMAN, STEFANO MICHELE
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Application No. 09/745,702

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on March 15, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

The electronic file contains a Petition to Delete Inventors filed March 16, 2004, requesting that one of the inventors be removed from the official record. However we do not find a subsequent Decision on Petition in the file, and according to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) records, the inventor's name whose deletion was requested, remains on the application. Processing of the petition is required.

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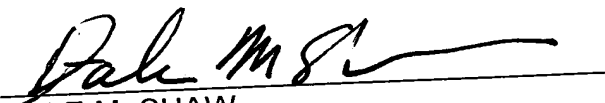
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being returned to the Examiner for:

1. the examiner to render a decision on the petition filed on March 16, 2004;
(if not previously done) and/or have a copy of the response scanned into the electronic file,
2. to have the decision on the petition properly entered into the USPTO PALM SYSTEM, and
3. for such further action as may be appropriate.

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